

Czechoslovakia-USSR: Prague is throwing wrenches into the machinery the Soviets have set up to prepare a world Communist conference late this year.

At the preparatory meeting in Budapest, Josef Lenart, the head of Prague's delegation, gave a speech on 25 April in which he decried attempts to formulate new documents for a world conference "behind closed doors," according to a Prague broadcast. Lenart called for "broad public discussion" and came out against the approval of "only one document covering all problems in a doctrinal way." The Czechoslovaks thus far are the only party that has publicized any of the proceedings.

Moscow's recent tactics had indicated its hope that preparations for the conference, particularly the drafting of what Soviet party Secretary Suslov called the "main document," would enjoy smooth sailing, with only a minimum of carefully controlled publicity.

Several other parties share the Czechoslovak views and Prague's behavior will make it much more difficult for Moscow to achieve its goals for a conference. Prague's actions are certain to aggravate tensions with Moscow.

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